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As of 7/14/95, Judge Sabo of the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court has postponed judgment on the appeal submitted by Mumia Abu-Jamal's lawyer Leonard Weinglass. The appeal asked for stay of execution and recusal of Judge Sabo who had convicted Mumia at the trial and was considered unsuitable to judge on his execution date or a PCRA ruling. According to a Philadelphia radio bulletin Sabo will rule "in a few days..." Weinglass reaffirmed to the press that if necessary he will take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court..."

MUMIA ABU-JAMAL in SCI Greene, PA. has received a 30-day sentence for, according to a disciplinary hearing report from the DOC of Penna., "engaging in the profession of journalism which is a violation of the rules and regulations in the handbook. He has authored a book known as 'Live from Death Row,' he currently writes columns for different newspapers including, 'Scoop,' 'USA,' 'First Day' and the 'Jamal Journal.' In addition Jamal has made taped commentaries for radio broadcast over National Public Radio...a clear preponderance of evidence that Jamal has been engaged in both the business and profession of journalism."

*** Mumia has appealed the ruling citing Amendment One re: free press and also the Penna. constitution re free press and free speech. *** According to his lawyer Leonard Weinglass, Mumia is now "sealed away."

'Mumia's June "This Just In..." was returned to Pittsfield marked "Correspondence."

The June 17 "Arts and Writings Against the Death Penalty" event at the Brecht Forum was

a remarkable display of art and writing from prisoners, enthusiastically received.

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ABDUL OLUGBALA SHAKUR writes from Pelican Bay: "I have scheduled release date 2019--but this date is irrelevant for I have also a life without parole for 9 yrs. plus another 6 yrs which I got since I've been in prison (an attempted murder of a prison guard --1985-- and one on a rat--1986--. In spite of all this I am required to appear in front of the board of prison term--which I don't go to." *** Later Shakur writes: "Have another attorney; don't know him but he will wish to help file a federal suit." *** "I got a recent disciplinary report for disobeying an order." *** "No job in SHU" *** "I just received a letter from a Darren Roberts informing me that he is sponsoring a prison art/writing exhibition at Florida State University. He wants to exhibit my writings. I don't know him but he got my name off some list. He also asked for any suggestions, so I wrote him and suggested that he do an exhibit on PP's/POWs. I have yet to hear from him but if anybody wishes to get at him, this is his address: Darren Roberts, 1534 Proctor St., Tallahassee, FL 32303." *** "Brotha Sanyika check out my response to your article in the next issue of PNS. I have heeded your message and I have moved on, which, you know, is not easy, but it was overdue, whatever happens, happens. The people come first. You continue to be courageous, my brotha!" *** We must also make it clear to the government [that] any harm come to our Brotha Mumia won't be tolerated...." *** "Prince Imari, I intend to push the Goldfront Project on this end. I wrote Black Fist recently." *** "Revolutionary love to all kindred spirits!"

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ABDUL MAJID writes from Sullivan State Prison, NY: "Rumor that NYS will start charging prisoners \$1.00 a week--understand it was approved in recent passing of NYS budget. Also the state's double-bunking plan seems to be a fait accompli, if state is allowed to have its way....We have begun a writing campaign to our 'elected officials' to make them aware of our displeasure and the potential for a very explosive situation that this madness they are doing is nurturing. We are urging all prisoner...to pick up pens and make some noise by writing to NY state representatives (senators/assembly persons in Albany...) By making known to these officials the potential consequences of their actions, if something does happen they will not be able to use ignorance of the situation as an excuse...." Job: "Law library clerk." *** "Finishing my last class to get my A.A. in bus. adm. This is last college semester since gov't snatched all grant money." *** "Offer Therapeutic Program sponsored by Muslim community for prisoners." *** "Working twice as hard to get out of here!" *** "Want to thank Sanyika for the book--really enjoy reading it to get a better understanding of the mind set of our youth. Also he is a reflection of what can happen when one truly wants to educate one's self (political)."

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CHRISTOPHER "NAEEM" TROTTER writes from Max. Control Complex, Westville, IN: "I extend my humble apology ...to all comrades for my lack in communication. Here lately I've been very hard-pressed with legal matters pertaining to my pending Post-Conviction." *** "I am no longer on the tuberculosis quarantine unit, and my mental and physical health is as upstanding as ever." *** "My family is well (bless their beloved souls)>" *** "I am challenging my assignment to this oppressive belly of the beast, and I expect a court order ruling to come down soon." *** "I received your words, Comrade Chuckie, and I'll reach out to you A.S.A.P." *** "Brotha Mumia Abu-Jamal, my revolutionary spirit is with you. To all the Rades on N.S.B., I extend my regards and to

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all P.P./POWs my deepest love." *** "Still Strong/Still Black!"

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SANYIKA SHAKUR writes from Pelican Bay: "Received my 30 days back, so I'm back on target." *** "The usual mail tamperings going on. Letters arrive two weeks old, etc." *** Job: [none in] SHU." *** "I've settled down to write only pieces (articles). Now pending publication of my new material." *** Writing, etc.: "None other than the ones mentioned. Have asked Shaka Shakur to write the forward to my work on neo-colonialism. Hopefully, we can get this together." *** "Health is fine." *** "Family is well--anxious." *** "Abdul, right on! I knew you were of the righteous breed. As you know we've got much work to do. I'll be in touch once I egress. We are, as Comrade George would say, kindred spirits." *** "Please extend mine to Comrade Daha. Let him know the rads of the Spear & Shield Collective send theirs." *** Bullet Proof love to the revolutionaries!" *** "We must save Mumia!"

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IMARA SEKOU writes from Pelican Bay: New rules: "Yes. Selected progressive publishers are being confiscated and withheld. I almost didn't get "This Just In."

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EDWIN CORTES writes from USP Terre Haute, IN: "I was due to appear before the Parole Board in May 95 but I decided to forego the process due to experience of Puerto Rican POWs & PPS who have been consistently denied parole. {An attached memo explains in full "When the Struggle for Parole is an Act in Futility." It says in part: "The US. Parole Commission as a juridical body has exposed itself as a politically biased process against Puerto Rican independentistas and carries out decisions based on US political interests. This is evidenced by the denial of parole for the five companeros who have already appeared before the parole commission. Their positions cover both ends of the spectrum from express-

ing total repentance to reaffirmation of our right to struggle. No Puerto Rican Prisoner of War or Political Prisoners, regardless of his or her position before the Parole Board, has been given any serious consideration for release....My own moral and political understanding as well as the experiences of other patriots has led me to conclude that appearing before the US Parole Board would be an act of futility. I am truly convinced that we have exhausted the parole process as a legal/political remedy and strongly encourage all those struggling for our freedom to seek other avenues, of which a Presidential pardon is a viable option. Our efforts would be better utilized if we concentrated on working towards a strategy for the amnesty campaign...." *** New rules: "Censorship of the May *This Just In...*" *** Job: "Unit orderly." *** Activity: "The ceramics part of the hobby shop has been closed since March 95 due to repairs to the ceramic oven exhaust and room. Repairs due to begin in July 95. Working to rejuvenate the Raza Unida cultural organization." *** "I hurt my back doing squats in February but I am well now due to a fellow comrade chiropractor. Back to the squatting routine." *** "My daughter Noemi graduated with honors from Whitney Young Public High School. She will attend the Univ. of Michigan in September. My son Carlos going to his third year at De La Salle H.S." *** "My greetings to the brothers and sisters especially those in the gulag at Florence."

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RONALD "CORN BREAD" OWENS writes from MCI Walpole, MA (Massachusetts' only max-state prison): "My parole board hearing is scheduled for this upcoming June 28, 95. 50/50 chance of receiving a favorable hearing." *** Disciplinary action: "One 'alleged' d-report for group incitation, etc. Ticket is false; was received 2 days after I, representing myself, won a 'not guilty' charge for an alleged assault on a CO. Ticket on file since May 2, 95 due to current prison-wide 'lock-down' here in Walpole since March." *** "June 2, 95 memo from Supt. Duval outlines *newest* operating proce-

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dures in Walpole. Previous 3-tiered 'Phase system' has been shortened into a more restrictive 2-tiered phase-system. No more personal clothing, all prisoners wear color-coded 'jump-suits' according to respective housing." *** "Still trying to awaken all my incarcerated brethren, that we must put aside any and all differences and *unite* against our common enemy." *** New rules: "Prisonwide inmates can no longer correspond between different institutions. There is a proposal before the legislature seeking to have prisoners pay for all civil suits filed....The visiting room is being partitioned off so that there will be no more contact visits... Officers openly boast of being provided with protective vests, shielded helmets and rib-spreaders [for] whenever the prison is taken off its current prison wide lockdown....Back in April a lot of prisoners were returned from lower security on account of being involved in 'security threat groups,' which is a label used to get potential leadership prisoners removed from general population....mostly Blacks and Latinos have been so penalized. The once liberal Mass. DOC is now under Larry E. Dubois's dogma; remember this is the same official who as a federal BOP regional director had Marion, IL, placed on lockdown." *** "I'll stay firmly on the path which this struggle leads me down. I'm daily reading and growing, spiritually & mentally & physically." *** "As soon as I get 2 stamps I will be writing letters to the 2 government officials important to Comrade Mumia Abu-Jamal's fight for repeal from the injustices being perpetrated upon him." *** "On the issue of why I call myself 'Corn Bread,' it's because that's how I'm known thru the entire MDOC." *** "Eventually I'll write a brief synopsis about what makes me me, and how that enables me, a 34-year-old Afrikan man, to connect on all levels with my fellow prisoners regardless of their ages, religious preferences or race or creed." "In struggle always. Keep the Faith Always..."

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Excerpts from "Political Murder" by **RAY LUC LEVASSEUR** in Florence: "Mumia {Abu-Jamal} has been made a target...in a political climate

rampant with racism and reaction...Protest must continue and increase...I mean resistance that fires from the heart rather than a sense of obligation. I mean sacrifices that compensate in some meaningful way for the shameful indifference that affects so many that should be supporting Mumia. Political murder grants nothing to moderation. We live in a country that passed a 'crime bill' imposing the death penalty for 50 new offenses at the same time a national day of mourning was declared for a war criminal like Richard Nixon...To respect and defend Mumia is to act. The Fall 1994 Issue of the National Lawyers Guild's 'Guild Notes' does not contain a single mention of Mumia Abu-Jamal....It is my view that the rights due us by virtue of our humanity and labor are continuously violated and that no comprehensive relief or solutions like with the courts. However, this is not to say that battles cannot be won through the law. For this reason every avenue of the law should be pursued to save the life of Mumia and others. What I am saying is that it may not be enough and for that reason others avenues need to be utilized in local, national and international efforts to stop this execution...We need to go beyond the merely acceptable to another level of energy commitment and possibilities. Every Neighborhood, every workplace, union, church, mosque, NAACP chapter, every Lawyers Guild member need to get down in a serious way with this campaign. No one should claim immunity or prior commitments; it's going to take sweat and maybe pain. ...This is commitment that requires whatever it takes for as long as it takes."

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JIM BARRETT writes from Florence:

"Greetings from--97 degrees, 4800-foot elevated stifling cellhouse! Actually I'm doing fine. I drink lots and lots of water, probably 15-20 cups a day; and as long as I can afford to, I keep my body in balance with extra vitamin C and multivits. The last place you want to get sick or injured is in prison, especially a maxi joint like Marion or Florence, because the whole place is set up to crush you, to break

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your spirit and destroy your personality--not nurture or help you. So, most of us in here strive to maintain our health--and that includes lots of water and a positive mental attitude!"

*** The May TJI was rejected for the same reasons given in previous months. I'm guessing that someone said something like 'Joe's doing swell and he sends his best...' I dunno. I'll 'appeal' such nonsense from now until doomsday..." *** "We now are hooked into PBS-TV so that's a blessing for us!" ..*** "One of these weeks the prisoncrats are supposed to set up an in-house 'college level' course on psychology I or some kind of business course. At first it was announced that there'd be a \$30 fee, plus book costs, but so many of us are broke that the 'fee' was waived and the book cost can be postponed until we have an 'income.' So, that'll be a monotony-breaker."

*** "We were told from day one that the 'fine dust' problem would subside but it hasn't. Every day, no matter how much we sponge-wash our cement walls and floor, they get covered with this fine dust that comes out of the air vent. I fear for my asthmatic lungs." *** "On May 26, while this tier was out on 'yard rec,' we were nearly overcome with some kind of gas fumes. At first we thought someone in a near cellhouse had been gassed. We later learned that the gas was being test-fired nearby and that it is so powerful that most everyone in the local prison camp was adversely affected. What hit us in the yard (I had to be taken 'inside' to wait it out, 20 minutes) were stray fumes. I sure hope I never get sprayed inside a closed cell. It could kill me." *** Letter dated 6/26: "I got the June TJI...A welcome surprise." *** "Some 'schooling' programs are starting up this week, on the in-house t.v. set-up; now there's growing concern over shrinking food portions, and the 'unfairness' this is for the convicts who don't have money to buy back-up commissary foods. It's hard to complain though when there are millions of folks hurting a lot worse." *** Mumia is very much a part of our life and love..."

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AL CONLEY, New Afrikan P.O.C. writes from FCI Oxford, WI: "Revolutionary greetings!" *** "TJI was introduced to me by Alberto Rodriguez at USP Lewisburg." *** "Brother Mumia, the government will NOT have it their way, your roar of injustice will be adhered to and all the conscious comrades will stand firm with you in victory against the government's latest move." *** "Hanif Shabazz Bey, Tim Blunk, Jihad Mumit, Adolfo Matos, Alberto Rodriguez, Carlos Torres, Kojo, Juan and all the other soldiers suffering in these man-made hells, love and solidarity...." *** "Sekou and Mutulu, much love and I pray that all is in order with and for you?" *** "Mutulu, I wrote you last month; send a message in a bottle if your received it?" *** "The family is well. Will see them this weekend. My daughter keeps asking when will she see you again." *** "Wrote Tu Pac 3 months ago and mail was rejected--not on approved visiting list" *** "Still resistance and free the land..."

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LINDA EVANS writes from FCI Dublin: "Plan to see parole board Jan. 1996 or after, step one of a long-term flight to get free. No hope of action from board, but definitely plan on fighting hard." *** New rules: "Instituting 'closed movement' conditions *inside* the living units, an end to clothing from outside, keeping people locked up more inside their cells, with 3 people per cell." *** Job: "Unit orderly." *** "PLACE (Pleasanton AIDS Counseling and Education) facing major obstacles due to lack of staff cooperation. Many women here active with community projects (toys & dolls for children with AIDS at Oakland Children's Hospital). Probably will do a Walkathon in September, proceeds to community AIDS services." *** "Studying Global Political Economy to complete my B.A. at New College via scholarships from Davis-Putter Fund and New College." *** "New activity: tennis! as entertainment & exercise. Also weight-lifting, walking and running." *** "Still struggling to learn/practice acupuncture." *** "Health is excellent except sports-related injuries." *** "My father died March 29--terrible pain at losing him and not being

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with my mother and brother. This loss made me feel the pain so many of us have in common of losing parents and loved ones while we're locked up. My love and sorrow to everyone who has suffered a similar loss. Thanks to everyone who wrote to me or my mother." *** "TJI helps strengthen the bond between all of us...."

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PRINCE IMARI A. OBADELE writes from "Wynne Plantation", Huntsville, TX: "Application for writ of habeas corpus denied at state court level. Denied parole for the 4th time. Applied for commutation of sentence. No action yet. Filed for rehearing with parole board. No action." *** "Have received 3 'minor misconduct reports' since arriving back on this plantation. Given 'cell restriction' and 'extra duty.' As if working for free is not 'extra duty' enough!!!" *** "[We get] saturated diet of 'Vitapro.' That's some shit TDCJ has concocted that smells, looks and tastes like Purina Dog Chow. So much so that all the 'dogs' around here are screaming about ""I ain't no dog!" Those who eat it have problems with their intestinal tracts....Eat some of that crap and you can power a jet engine...In one of the horticulture books they say Vitapro makes excellent fertilizer..." *** Job: "Broom Squad, i.e., 'The Broke dick squad!' That's all a part of these fiends' obsession with the pen[is]; pen[al] institute, pen[alty], pen[ology], and the raping of the oppressed." *** "Still building A.M.3' and trying to use the issue of reparations to heighten the level of awareness for the need for an INDEPENDENT New Afrikan State and the destruction of ALL oppressive system's. It is my firm belief, based upon the evidence, that the issue of reparations for Black people is that focal point around which the level of struggle can be heightened. The issue of reparations gets people to stop and listen. Once people listen there can be understanding. One thing people want to hear about is money. Especially money that someone owes them...." *** "I've been a little despondent lately. With everything hitting me at one time like it did--my habeas corpus being denied, parole being denied;

having done so much time for paraphernalia (5 YEARS!)....losing the outside support that we did have." *** "All that pales by comparison--with the signing of the death warrant against Mumia. Needless to say that I wish it were not so. I also wish some things that I cannot say since freedom of speech does not extend to us...I am hopeful that the international support that Mumia has will snatch him from their murderous hands. Fortunately, Pennsylvania has not gotten to the level of bloodthirst that Texas has. This leaves hope that outside pressure can save." *** "Sista Susan, good luck on your parole." *** "The Okla. City bombing points up the need for Libertarians to heighten the level of struggle against the oppressors. The fiends who blasted the fed building in O.C. are the misguided front-line soldiers of the White Supremacy Power system....The feel their government has given too many concessions to 'minorities' and 'illegal aliens,' etc. ...The killing of babies is nothing new to the oppressor. I think of the Afrikan holocaust (the 'slave trade'), the Indian holocaust (the invasion of america), the slaughters in the colonial wars of the Europeans, the children of Iraq, the children of Libya, the children of the ghettos of amerikkka....." *** "Sanyika, hope you make that limited freedom of movement date." *** "Maulana Eusi, you should have it by the time you see this..." *** "Love and Power!"

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MARK COOK writes from Washington State Reformatory: "Habeas petition pending in federal district court. Motion for speedy disposition was noted for hearing for June 16th. Motion for immediate release which is pending still remains unopposed by the state." *** "June 15, 1995, Gov. Mike Lowry signed House Bill 2010 which limits family visits, mandates a minimum \$3.00 charge for use of the medical facilities, mandates that 35% of all money received from outside sources be deducted for victim compensation (5%), mandatory savings (10%), & cost of corrections (20%), requires prisoners to pay for all or portion of costs for any college or vocational course, mandates prisoners to pay for hygiene supplies and other prison services.

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These are but a few of the provisions in the bill which has 40 sections." *** "June 13, 1995, a memorandum was posted advising us that all 'boom boxes', CD players & CD's would have to be sent home or donated within six months. No reason has been given." *** "My newest involvement is in challenging the new law requiring a 35% tariff on money received by prisoners and the memorandum prohibiting 'boom boxes,' CD players, and CD's." *** "This month I completed a one-year college course on computer information systems. I don't plan on taking any more classes given the law that requires prisoners to pay for college courses. I only earn \$50.00 a month and that is not enough to enroll." *** "No health problems other than my high blood pressure."

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RICHARD MAFUNDI LAKE writes from Holman Unit, Atmore, AL: "Visitation has been cut to twice a month; it had always been once a week." *** "My daughter Assata Shakur Lake turned 18 years old today, June 25th. She will attend college this fall." *** "Chuckie Africa, our families have established a solid relationship. Your mother and Louise are real people, very beautiful people. We are in the same car." *** "Sanyika, never received anything from you." *** "Geronimo, your nephew graduated from college in Alabama. He established a relationship with my family. My family attended his graduation and hears from him frequently." *** "Rhetoric will not save Mumia. It's put up or shut up time!"

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ELEGGUA OSUN ELUFE writes from Nanpanoch, NY: "In July they want us to pay \$1.00 a week for room and board and more drastic changes are underway--prisoners' college is being stopped..." *** "Our legal research class just finished." *** "The administration is trying to sweep one of the prisoner's support group's think tank under the rug." *** "I am remaining abreast in my writings and building bridges with outside organizations and coalitions and community empowerment--they need our spiritual strength." *** "My daughter had

a girl and she just moved back to N.Y. to be closer to me and family." *** "I am pleased that Susan and Marilyn are well." *** "As for all those struggling, do remain defiant and focused." *** "This government's judicial system's right wingers have an all-out assault [on] all of us held captive in these modern concentration camps." *** "It was good hearing from our sisters Carmen and Dylcia." *** "I tried to get correspondence with Silvia and I was denied. Is there any other way I can contact her or her Release Committee?" She has been a strong supporter of Puerto Rico's independence and our people." *** "Shining the path forward!"

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LEFTY GILDAY writes from Bay State C.C., Norfolk, MA: "On May 1, '95, Atty. Michael Avery argued my case before a panel of 3 judges of the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Keeton denied my federal habe in an 80 page decision (Gilday vs Callahan) Have good chance according to everyone but I'm taking it slow..." *** "In the last year I've gotten 3 tickets for 'Mickey Mouse' things--mostly harassment because I presently have sued over mail, reported, contempt complaint for violating permanent injunction on new phone regulations...Found guilty every time--no visits for 2 weeks & room detention for 7 days." *** New rules: "Speakers are coming out of T.V.'s and radios. Have to buy all electronic items from a St. Louis Co. No memory typewriters or word processors. "All color codes on clothes. Monitor phone calls and tape the calls. Have filed suit on everything." *** "Do a lot of law work for people who are in need. Umpire softball twice a week and walk every day to keep the ticker moving along. They stopped the educational programs & the B.U. college program so I try to teach law and how to understand the rules...." *** Health: "Have a 'triple bypass' and have to take medication for B/P. Teeth are all falling out and have to get a full set of teeth but having a problem getting it done....Get cramps in my legs/feet and hands. Maybe have a carcinoma on my left ear?? In short, guess I'm a broken down valise. Tough to get old I

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guess." *** "My dad is in a nursing home and is senile, Mom had heart problem a couple of weeks ago. My kids are doing well and grandchildren are doing well also. My wife has cancer badly. Have a couple of new great grandchildren, so at least I've left something for the future." *** I send my love to all who remain fighting for justice and right, especially my good friend Richard Williams. Stay strong people and all the good guys send their best along with mine. This is the 'Massachusetts Home for the Aged & Infirm' (smile & laugh out loud). Most of us stay strong though."

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DEBBIE SIMS AFRICA writes from SCI Cambridge Springs, PA: "I am writing on behalf of my sisters, Merle Austin Africa, Jannine Phillips Africa and Janet Hollaway Africa, all transferred from SCI Muncy." *** "We're currently involved in doing whatever we can to bring national attention to the unjust imprisonment and recent signing of a death warrant for Mumia Abu-Jamal by PA governor Tom Ridge. The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is saying Mumia should be executed because he (allegedly) killed a cop. MOVE doesn't believe that the FOP or Tom Ridge saw Mumia kill a cop but they did see Phila cops and firemen under the orders of Phila mayor Wilson Goode, Police Commissioner Gregor Sanbor and Fire Commissioner William Richmond, *murder* 11 of the MOVE family members on May 13, 1985, and ain't *none* of them sittin'" on death row. 9 of us have been in prison for almost 18 years and for a crime we did not commit and the government knows it. 9 of us got sentenced for the murder of one cop that was killed with one bullet from one gun." *** "John Africa explains: 'An unofficial person can kill another person by shooting him to death and the killing is called murder, but this same unofficial person can kill somebody for politicians and the killing is called patriotism....Prisons are not the solution to the problems of crime. They are the supporters of crime that is caused by the people that run this system of crime..." *** Debbie goes on, "MOVE confronts this system uncompromisingly with the *truth* and this is why we are in

prison, *not* for committing a crime." *** "For more information you can subscribe to 'First Day' at PO Box 19709, Phila 19143." *** "On the Move."

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CHUCKIE AFRICA writes from Graterford: "PCHR pending." *** "Still box to stay in shape and sharp." *** "Following all reports thoroughly on Mumia's situation and educating brothers about him." *** Family: "They are all doing good and are hard at work as always..." *** "All sisters and bros: stay strong. Our turn will come." *** "Ona MOVE!"

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ANA LUCIA GELABERT writes from Neal unit, Amarillo, TX: disciplinary action: "All kinds." *** New rules: "All sorts." *** Prison job: "none...I work *against* the state, not *for* it." *** "I protest the planned murder by the fascist state of Mumia Abu-Jamal, an innocent man, only because of his opposition to tyranny." *** Gelabert encloses an inspiring proclamation by General Emiliano Zapata of August, 1914.

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OSCAR LOPEZ RIVERA still in Florence but transferred out of solitary to a 6-person unit. Takes meals with other prisoners out cell for first time in 5 years. Fewer strip searches. Single door to the cell, not hermetically sealed. Better access to recreation and fresh air. All this accomplished by pressure from Puerto Rican community and a committed lawyer.

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ABDUL-HAQQ writes from Clinton C.F., Danemora: "Gov. Pataki just had a brainstorm ("if he only had a brain"): prisoners in New York State will be double-bunked. That will probably increase the violence." *** "August 6th and 9th are the horrible anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As President Clinton, Newt Gingrich, Jesse Helms and the Pope prepare to worship the bomb, I appeal to other voices to oppose their justifications of atrocious injustices." *** "On May 19th, Malcolm's birthday, I received my B.S. degree. The educational

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program I just finished allows students to select their own areas of concentration and to plan their course of study. I called mine Problem Solving for People and Society, but my real area of concentration is revolution. I'm presently trying to get my Master's degree (on paper). Topics of independent research include motivation and intelligence." *** "Now that I have a slight break from formal education I am doing more work in other projects like the Malcolm X/George Jackson Education Movement." *** "I just finished writing 4 poems for Mumia's campaign: (1) Revolution Time; (2) Allah Curse amerikkka! (3) Cannibal Justice; (4) Pegs (aka jack-booted thugs). I'm sending copies to several strategic destinations." *** "I'm telling everyone to spread the message that we should have faith in the power of the masses to save Mumia."

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EDDIE HATCHER writes from his home in Hamlet, NC: "I hear yesterday that the governor signed Mumia's death warrant. Hope we can stop it." *** "I've enclosed some material...." *** The piece is entitled "How I Survived AIDS Related Pneumonia Twice in a North Carolina Prison." Eddie has given a day by day account of the unbelievably cruel treatment he received from Jan. 12, 1995 until his mother got him paroled on May 3. The prison authorities completely ignored his intense pain and high fever which even to a layman could have indicated pneumonia which in his case was AIDS-related and life-threatening. His treatment consisted of such things as Maalox, Advil, Darvecet and mostly just plain neglect. His suffering was excruciating and his account makes one think of the kind of medicine practiced on Jews by the Nazis in Germany. A remarkable fighter, Eddie carries on....

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SHAKA SHAKUR writes from Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, IN: "I have been moving back and forth from A/S unit and prison infirmary for the last month or so. I was told a couple of weeks ago while laid up in de hosp. date I was going to be reclassified as long term seg-

regation and sent to de new SHU unit at Wabash. This in spite of de fact dat I don't have one day of disciplinary time! After a flood of letters and faxes protesting such a decision, I was notified dat such a decision had been reversed and instead I will be shipping out to de reformatory to a A/S unit on so-called temporary status. They claim they are getting ready to repair this unit." *** "Still trying to complete de research for habeas corpus." *** "Have been on crutches for past month. These nice people have tried to confiscate them twice saying because of my past conduct I can't have crutches. Even tho I can't walk! I refused to give 'em up. I expect to be attacked this week about them." *** "They had to regroup and come up with a better strategy: All mail has been delayed; outgoing mail opened and resealed without notification; incoming mail from family and friends sent back as inmate to inmate correspondence. All this sh-- appear to be coordinated." *** "New blatant racist warden from Kentucky is in de process of implementing a new rule about dreadlocks. Say they want to start cutting our hair, especially if you go to lock up." *** "Can't order electric typewriters any more. All TV's coming in now must have de speakers removed. So you pay \$230.00 for a TV just to have de speaker taken out. Brothers...what next?" *** "I was recently asked by prison psych dept. to be peer counselor to youth who attend anger-management course. Need approval from administration and release from A/S; expect for them to deny it." *** "Doing a lot of studying, writing and working with fellow prisoners who want a better life in this world than what we got." *** "Finally was sent out to see a neurologist and diagnosed as having a pinched nerve in de 4th lumbar. Something I have been tellin' these people for a year. But because I don't have a medical degree, what I say don't count." *** My 11 1/2-year-old son got suspended on de last day of school for a taking a stand against abusive authority. I smiled." *** "Comrade Sanyika, I received your shout, but not your words of wisdom. I returned fire, should have touched base by now. NAIM, Love to you. As-

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sante to all those who sent letters/faxes on my behalf."

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AHMED IBN MUHAMMAD writes from Florence: "As you know they are not allowing *This Just In..* in....I Initiated administrative remedy procedures after the April denial but after reading the [BOP] Policy Statement I decided it would be a wasted effort." *** There's a class action filed by Usman Sheku Sule-- Several of us have joined on--it basically alleges 'Arbitrary and capricious selecting of who moves on in the Step Down Program here.'" "I am researching whether to file against Marion officials for taking me out of the honor block and transferring me here {Florence}, based on a lie: Unit Manager Kevin Murphy said ...that I am the leader of the East Coast inmates and that I was causing tensions with the West Coast inmates. A total outright lie. His motive was retaliation against me for daring to stand up to him." *** "Mutulu Shakur was moved to J Block as was Oscar Lopez." *** [Ahmed enclosed a poem entitled "Erudite Woman," dedicated to "all the women wo have struggled to make this world a better place..." We will be glad to send copies if you write to us.]

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MALIKI SHAKUR LATINE writes from Clinton, NY: "The U.S. Supreme Court has denied my petition for cert." *** "[Possibly] more covert tactics [by the state] to obtain maximum control of the individual prisoner, while leaving the overt tactics of intimidation and assault to those ignorant individual inmates whose only aim is to victimize those younger prisoners less fotunate than themselves or those who seek to acquire some pseudo reputation for themselves. It's the same old nonsense of kissing the captor's rear end..." *** "I've been gradually increasing [the intensity of] my exercise program. From time to time I've managed to engage in a productive conversation--it's a rarity nowadays." *** Family: "All is well--Al-Humdu Allah!" *** "As my Sahib Hamza states: 'Muslims constitute a captive ummah.' 'Jihad' is an Arabic term which has in recent

years been misrepresented...It would be in the best interest of Muslims to ... internalize its meaning and then act upon its purpose (Quran: 61:11 and 22:75). Insha Allah!"

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ABDUL-HAQQ writes from Clinton: "Transfer to Sing Sing denied." *** "I'm scheduled to see parole board in January, butI'll get out on C.R. (conditional release) in March." *** "The prisoners in New York State made a 1st attempt at a general strike in protest to Gov. Pataki's brainstorm about double-bunking. Five max prisons were shut down." *** "I will be teaching a Black history class beginning in 2 weeks. It's going to be high powered!" *** "The latest issue of our Muslim newsletter is in the print shop now being processed. It's about prisoners developing self-determined educational programs, now that government educational funding is dead." *** "The poems I mentioned earlier were published in the Daily Challenge." *** "I've written another poem for Mumia titled 'Killer Cops Deserve the Electric Chair.' 'Killer Cops' is the antidote to the 'Cop Killer' rhetoric." *** "The police are blatant in their strategy of denying Mumia free speech in their design to murder him. They know that to know him is to love him. We must be... unconquerable in our war to get the word out. The elements in Mumia's situation are so powerful that the information will cause an effect more profound than the Rodney King case...."

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Note to "Stoney" (Robert Stone): Your letter of praise to Bill Dunne which was mailed to him was returned--Associate Warden at USP Leavenworth wrote that it was prohibited inmate to inmate correspondence...

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who would like to protest are encouraged to do so.

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